

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/469,496
Filing Date	22 December 1999
First Named Inventor	B. M. OLIVERA
Group Art Unit	1653
Examiner Name	G. E. Bugaiksy
Attorney Docket Number	2314-175

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.** Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted
    - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 18 November 2004
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☒ Other Petition and attachments filed 18 November 2004
  - b. Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED			
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Jeffrey L. Ihnen, Reg. No. 28,957		
SIGNATURE		DATE	6 May 2005

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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> for FY 2005 P E (Small Entity)		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	09/469,496
		Filing Date	22 December 1999
		First Named Inventor	Baldomero M. OLIVERA
		Examiner Name	Gabriele E. Bugaisky
		Group Art Unit	1653
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status	Attorney Docket Number	2314-175	
Total Amount of Payment	(\$1475	Confirmation Number	5034

# **METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check one)

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees indicated below or credit overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-2135 in the name of Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
- ☒ Payment by check enclosed

## **FEE CALCULATION**

### **1. FILING, SEARCH AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Code	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	150	Utility Filing Fee	[ ]
	395	filed before Dec. 8, 2004	[ ]
1111	250	Utility Search Fee	[ ]
1311	100	Utility Examination Fee	[ ]
1002	100	Design Filing Fee	[ ]
	175	filed before Dec. 8, 2004	[ ]
1112	50	Design Search Fee	[ ]
1312	65	Design Examination Fee	[ ]
1003	100	Plant Filing Fee	[ ]
	275	filed before Dec. 8, 2004	[ ]
1113	150	Plant Search Fee	[ ]
1313	80	Plant Examination Fee	[ ]
1004	150	Reissue Filing Fee	[ ]
	395	filed before Dec. 8, 2004	[ ]
1114	250	Reissue Search Filing Fee	[ ]
1314	300	Reissue Examination Fee	[ ]
1005	100	Provisional Filing Fee	[ ]

**SUBTOTAL \$**

### **2. CLAIMS**

	Extra Claims	Fee	Fee Paid
Total Claims [ ] - 20* = [ ] x		\$25 = [ ]	
Independent Claims [ ] - 3* = [ ] x		100 = [ ]	
Multiple Dependent Claims +		180 = [ ]	

\*or number previously paid, if greater

**SUBTOTAL \$**

### **3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

Total Sheets [ ] - 100 = [ ]/50 = [ ]\*\* x \$125 =

\*\* Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof


**SUBTOTAL \$**

## **FEE CALCULATION** (continued)

### **4. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Fee Code	Fee Paid	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	[ ]
1052	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	[ ]
1053	130	Non-English specification	[ ]
1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	[ ]
1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	[ ]
1805	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action (reduced by basic filing fee paid)	[ ]
1251	60	Extension for reply within first month	[ ]
1252	225	Extension for reply within second month	[ ]
1253	510	Extension for reply within third month	[ ]
1254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	[ ]
1255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	[1,080]
1401	250	Notice of Appeal	[ ]
1402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	[ ]
1403	500	Request for Oral Hearing	[ ]
1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	[ ]
1452	500	Petition to revive -unavoidable	[ ]
1453	1,500	Petition to revive - unintentional	[ ]
1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	[ ]
1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	[ ]
1809	790	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	[ ]
1810	790	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	[ ]
1801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	[395]
1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	[ ]
1504	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication	[ ]
1505	300	Publication fee for republication	[ ]
1455	200	Filing application for patent term adjustment	[ ]
1456	400	Request for reinstatement of term reduced	[ ]
1814	65	Statutory Disclaimer	[ ]
Other fee (specify)			[ ]

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